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SUBJECT: INDIA AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR ANIMAL FEEDS

1. THE JANUARY 22 FRENCH EDITION OF THE WEEKLY AGRA-EUROPE REPORTED THAT ON DECEMBER 13 THREE EC FARM ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH ANIMAL FEEDS SENT A JOINT "LETTER OF INTENTION" TO ANIMAL FEED EXPORTERS IN INDIA EXPRESSING THEIR INTEREST IN INCREASING IMPORT OF ANIMAL FEEDS FROM THAT COUNTRY. THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS ARE COGECA (GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION, COCERAL (COMMITTEE FOR GRAIN AND ANIMAL FEED TRADE), AND FEFAC (EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF ANIMAL FEED COMPOUNDERS). THE PURPOSE OF THE JOINT LETTER IS TO SEEK ALTERNATE SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF ANIMAL FEEDSTUFFS FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE LETTER SEEMS TO RESPOND TO A STATEMENT BY EC COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE LARDINOIS, MADE DURING A RECENT MEETING OF FEFAC MEMBERS, STRESSING THE NEED OF THE EC TO SEEK ALTERNATE SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF PROTEIN FEEDS. A LETTER IS NOW EXPECTED FROM THE INDIAN FEED TRADE INVITING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS, AND OF COPA, TO VISIT INDIA AND, HOPEFULLY,

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TO ARRIVE AT SOME FORM OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT. COPA IS THE EC-

WIDE FARMERS' ORGANIZATION.

2. THE EC COMMISSION HAS OFFERED ITS GOOD OFFICES IN DEVELOPING THESE CONTACTS BY MEANS OF A TRADE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EC AND INDIA. THE COMMISSION WILL DEFRAY THE COSTS OF THE TRIP FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF COGECA, FEFAC AND COPA.

3. INDIAN EXPORTERS REPORTEDLY ARE ABLE TO SUPPLY 725,000 TONS ANNUALLY OF FEED AND PROTEIN SUPPLEMENTS IN THE FORM OF:

- 400,000 TONS PEANUT MEAL
- 100,000 TONS COTTONSEED MEAL
- 25,000 TONS LINSEED MEAL
- 200,000 TONS RICE MILLING BY-PRODUCTS.

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